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SUBJ: CAPE NP CONGRESS APPROVES NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES;

LITTLE SIGN OF RIGHT - WING OPPOSITION

REF: A) PRETORIA 4242; B) CAPE TOWN 1243

SUMMARY. IN TWO-DAY MEETING IN CAPE TOWN AUGUST 23-24, CAPE CONGRESS OF NATIONAL PARTY (NP) ALONG WITH NP CAUCUS REPORTEDLY GAVE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT TO NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES PROPOSED BY PARTY LEADERSHIP. THIS FOLLOWED WEEKEND MEETING AT WHICH NP CAUCUS OF MP'S AND SENATORS ALSO ENDORSED PROPOSALS. ARCH "VERKRAMPTE" (CONSERVATIVE) ANDRIES TREURNICHT REPORTEDLY ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS AND THEN JOINED THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF APPROVAL. END SUMMARY

1. MEETING OF CAPE CONGRESS OF NATIONALIST PARTY HERE AUGU 23-24 REPORTEDLY GAVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO SAG'S PLANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE COLOREDS AND INDIANS(REFTELS). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGRESS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH RECOGNIZED PARTY'S "DEEP RESPONSIBILITY" TO ALL RACE GROUPS IN SA, CALLED FOR "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" OF SUCH GROUPS AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A "INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION" OF WHITES, COLOREDS AND INDIANS. RESOLUTION EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS AND DIRECTED THE CABINET TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF

SCHEME TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS OF ALL THREE GROUPS.  
AN NP MEMBER WHO ATTENDED EARLIER MEETING OF NP CAUCUS AT  
THE WEEKEND TOLD CONGENOFF THAT ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE  
ANDRIES TREURNICHT, DEPUTY MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT, "ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS" BUT DID NOT OPPOSE  
THE SCHEME AND "PRESUMABLY" JOINED IN UNANIMOUS VOTE OF  
APPROVAL. SAME SOB CE SHARED VIEW OF SEVERAL NP INTELLECTUALS  
AT STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY THAT CONSERVATIVES WOULD  
NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO MOUNT SERIOUS OPPOSITION AT EITHER  
THREE UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESSES.

2. OTMER DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST AT THE CONGRESS, AS NOTED  
IN PRESS REPORTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CAPE NP CHAIRMAN AND DEFENSE MINISTER P.W9/ ?95#-, WHO  
HEADED CABINET COMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED NEW SCHEME SAID IT  
DID NOT RDT NOT INCLUDE URBAN BLACKS BECAUSE THAT WOULD  
"INEVITABLY" LEAD TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE WHICH IS "NOT  
ACCEPTABLE TO THE NATIONAL PARTY, NOT TODAY, NOT TOMORROW."  
BOTH SAID US, FRANCE, UK AND OTHERS WHO WERE "SHOUTING  
AT" SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS FIRST.  
BOTH ALSO ACCUSED "CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS" OF FAILING TO  
ADHERE TO SELF-DISCIPLINE OF NEW PRESS CODE AND SAID  
HE WANTED TO ASK THEM "IN A FRIENDLY MANNER" TO SET THEIR  
HOUSES IN ORDER. REFERRING TO PEOPLE WHO WERE ATTEOHTING  
TO EXPERNISE PRESSURE THROUGH EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY MOVEMENTS  
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HE SAID "IT APPLIED DURING THE RIOTS. IT APPLIED RECENTLY  
DURING THE ILLEGAL SQUATTING ... I SAY TO THESE PEOPLE: YOU  
ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE. IT IS A FRIENDLY WARNING."

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B. SPORTS MINISTER PIET KOORNHOF REPORTEDLY QUESTIONED SHARPLY ABOUT SPORTS POLICY, CONTINUED TO BEAT A STRATEGIC RETREAT (PRETORIA 4279), REITERATING THAT MIXED SPORT AT CLUB LEVEL REMAINED CONTRARY TO PARTY POLICY. IN REPLY TO RESOLUTION ASKING THAT GOVT ENSURE THAT SPORT IS PRACTICED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PARTY PRINCIPLES, KOORNHOF SAID THE POLICY WAS OF GREATEST SUCCESS. SURVEY SHOWED THAT BY END OF JUNE THERE WERE ONLY 56 CASES WHERE WHITES PLAYED FOR BLACK CLUB OR VICE VERSA. THE CONSTITUTED 0.0045 PER CENT OF SPORT-PLAYING POPULATION, THUS GIVING 99.9955 "SUCCESS RATE." KOORNHOF CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING OPTIMISM THAT POLICY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE "SUCCESSFUL" BUT WARNED THAT IF IT SHOULD PROVE OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE "NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE CONGRESS DECISIONS LEAGAL BACKING IN SOME WAY."

C. INTERIOR MINISTER CONNIE MULDER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE WOULD "WELCOME" SA BECOMING A ONE-PARTY STATE IF THIS CAME ABOUT IN A "NORMAL WAY" WHICH APPEARED TO BE HAPPENING. MULDER SAID SAG PLACED A PREMIUM ON DEMOCRACY.  
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REFERRING TO CRITICISM BY DELEGATES THAT SMALL PARTIES AND SPLINTER GROUPS "WASTED MONEY" BY PUTTING UP CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION, MULDER SAID THOSE WHO OPPOSED FOREIGN MINISTER PIK BOTHA IN RECENT WESTDENE ELECTION "WASTED" MR. BOTHA'S TIME" AND "DID COUNTRY A DISSERVICE." ONE DELEGATE, APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF ANY IRONY, REPORTED THAT SINCE 1974 STATE HAD SPENT R249,000 ON ELECTIONS. 73 CANDIDATES LOST DEPOSITS AND FORFEITED R49,000 BUT "DEFICIT" (SIC) REMAINED R200,000.

D. JUSTICE MINISTER JIMMY KRUGER SAID BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT HAD BEEN INFILTRATED BY BANNED ANC AND ILLEGAL COMMUNIST PARTY. KRUGER SAID THAT SOWETO COMMITTEE OF 10 WERE KEY MEMBERS OF VARIOUS BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS. KRUGER SAID BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS WAS NOT RPT NOT NATIONALISM WHICH WAS ROOTED IN PAST AND URGED PEOPLE TO ACCEPT THEIR HERITAGE. BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS STOOD FOR REJECTION OF PAST AND PREACHED HATRED OF WHITES. HE SAID

IF UN WANTS TO FIGHT RACISM, IT MUST FIGHT BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS. KRUGER SLAMMED WEEKEND WORLD NEWSPAPER FOR "APPROVING METHODS OF STUDENTS" WHICH HE SAID INCLUDED "ARSON, STONE-THROWING AND MURDER" AND SAID COMPULSORY DEATH SENTENCES FOR PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW GOVT BY FORCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. HE ALLOWED, HOWEVER, THAT ALLOWANCE "HAD TO BE MADE FOR POSSIBLE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES."

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINISTER MARAIS STEYN SAID SQUATTING WAS WORLDWIDE PROBLEM. MUCH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BOTH IN PROVIDING MORE HOUSING AND IN LEGISLATION TO HALT INFLUX INTO CITIES. "THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK WE ARE CRUEL, BUT IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO BE CRUEL TO BE KIND."WHITE  
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